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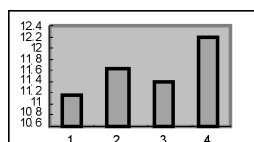
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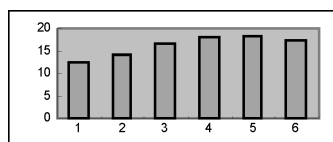
**Introduction** Reed (*Phragmites australis* (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud) is most Important natural growing grass in Xinjiang grasslands and animal husbandry production. It has important functions to protect and improving ecosystem, to fully utilize low, damping and salty area. Engaging in experiment on the reed land formed naturally, distinguishing its excellent plant height, leaf number, cutting in different growing period and different cutting high etc., provided scientific basis for effective using, and achieve better economic results at the animal husbandry production.

**Materials and methods** The experiment field is choosing at side of the rice field. test design is used as split-plot design, main plot is designed cutting in different growing period, respectively at heading stage, flower stage, fructificative stage and mature to yellowing stage, 3 times, in each period, and plot area is 20m<sup>2</sup>. Main plot is dividing into 4 equal parts as split plot. Split plot is designed cutting height in 0cm, 5cm, 10cm and 15cm, 3 times. Split plot area is 5m<sup>2</sup>. Observing growing and developing period is standardized as 50% plant into that period, and measuring length between nodes by selecting the longest on the stem; counting leaf number by selecting middle length stems, and calculating main data from 20 observed stems number. Measuring dry wet ratio and leaf stem ratio is done on the 500g wet grass drained in the lab.

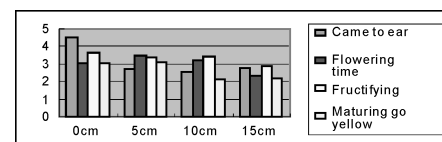
**Results** The test result shows that from regrowing to ear, reeds growing speedily, and the variation of length of knot are large, particularly new shaped nodes, after earing, it becomes to slower. From the regreening, the reed leave number is increasing in different degrees. After flowering, its leaf numbers is not increasing. When turned to yellow, some leaves on the lower part of stem are defoliated, so its number decreases. Each plot production has some differences because of reeds growth. If it is growing in moist condition and thicknesses are enough, hay produced is much increased. To compare main yield of each growing period and different cutting height, mostly the high yield cutting is at fructificative period, cutting at flower period is second, and then is cutting at ear stage. Cutting at mature to yellow is reducing in the yield. To comparing effects of different cutting height with yield, the cutting height at 0cm is significantly high. Other cutting height in proper order is 5cm, 10cm and 15cm. Through variance analyzing make known that, it has significantly variability between different cuttings height 0cm 5cm and 10cm 15cm. There is no significantly variability between other treat methods. Comparing dry wet ratio, in birthing nodes has less dry hay percentages, in the ear is higher, and at fructificative stage is mostly high. Comparing leaf-stem ratio, in birthing nodes cutting at 0cm height is the highest rate; in proper order is 5cm, 10cm, 15cm. leaf components higher than stem between 2.36~2.52times. In the ear, it is no significantly variation among all the different cutting height, average leaf-stem ratio is 209.59%, leaf components are more than twice the stem. at the flower period, their ratio is about 1.4:1. At the fructificative and mature to yellow period, their ratio are almost the same.



**Figure 1** Measuring result length of a knot.



**Figure 2** Measuring result of leaf number variation in different growing period.



**Figure 3** Measuring yield result of different cutting height.

**Conclusions** According to the different length of a knot and leaf numbers variation in different growing period, before the ear period is reed growth very fast, it has very big variation between length of a knot and average leaf number on per stem, especially during birthing new nodes. Hereafter, nodes number has almost shaped, so there are no more changes about them. There are 16~23 leaves average on each stem. Based on reed productivity cutting in different growing period and different cutting height, any times are good for harvesting after ear stage, and there is no significant variation among them. However, there are many leaves defoliate after turned to yellow, thus to consider the regrowth hay yield and nutritious changing among the components, it is better cutting at the heady period.

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